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**RE: Application No.: 10/800,456 - Filing Date: March 15, 2004**  
**Applicant(s): Christopher Madigan**  
**Group Art Unit: 3673**  
**Examiner: Vishal Patel**  
**Title: Shaft Seal Assembly With Retaining Ring And Washer**  
**Attorney Docket: 710240-0004**  
**Response to Final Office Action Dated January 27, 2006**

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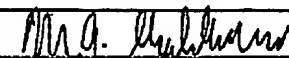
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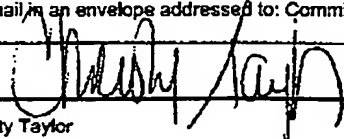
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

##### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)  
50

Small Entity Fee (\$)  
25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

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Multiple Dependent Claims

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 27, 2006. Kindly consider the remarks set forth below:

**A Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.